I oppose media concentration!
I'm writing to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of theFCC's
broadcast media ownership rules.

I strongly believe that for the FCC to promote its goals of fair
competition, diversity and local voice in today's media market, said body
should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question.
These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of the
huge, dominant companies and players in the broadcast industry.

It does not appear to me that the studies commissioned by the FCC
accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative
effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the
diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media
than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely
constrained.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events
is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our founding fathers
believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas.
If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our
ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of
viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media
ownership rules in question intact.

Furthermore, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings on this
issue in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible
participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an
FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions
as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the
Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who have a social
interest in this issue, not a financial one.

These rule changes will have a serious impact on our democracy; it is
imperative that the Commission take the time to thoroughly review the
associated issues and allow the American people to have a meaningful say
in the process.

Thank you,